

clinical picture of a prolapsed disc.

4. Myelography was useful in eliminating tumours in the spinal canal, but gave only limited assistance in the diagnosis of clinically doubtful posterior prolapsed lumbar intervertebral discs.

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BOOK REVIEW

ULCERATIVE COLITIS. By J. C. Goligher and Associates (Pp. 374; figs. 114. 85s). London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 1968.

THIS book will be welcomed by everyone interested in the management of ulcerative colitis. This is the first authoritative and comprehensive review in British literature for many years giving the combined surgical and medical views of the leading authorities on diseases of the colon in Britain. The admirable balance and combination of medical and surgical treatments shows no bias towards medicine or surgery. The necessity for combined assessment and follow up are stressed in the diagnosis and therapy of this difficult and troublesome disease.

The survey of epidemiology covers the world literature and the section on pathological features of the inflammatory and ulcerative conditions of the colon is concise and well illustrated. The statistical analyses of a large series of cases have been carefully prepared and presents precise information on the results of both medical and surgical treatments in the first and subsequent attacks.

The text and illustrations on surgical technique should be most helpful to surgeons dealing with this complex problem. The text and production leave nothing to be desired. This book should be the standard reference for both physician and surgeon dealing with granulomatous diseases of the colon.

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